

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Atty. Dkt.: 1769-95

Date: August 30, 2001

Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Brian MOZELACK et al

Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING MELT-BLOWN FILTER
CARTRIDGES HAVING MELT-BLOWN CORE ELEMENTS, AND THE
FILTER CARTRIDGES FORMED THEREBY

and including attachments as noted below:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract

42 pages of specification and claims (including 63 numbered claims), and

20 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/358,886, filed July 22, 1999, which is a CIP of Application No. 09/281,320 filed March 30, 1999, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to USF Filtration & Separations, Inc..

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A PTO-1449 is also attached listing the citations. Please initial, date and return a copy of the PTO-1449. Pursuant to Rule 98(d), copies of the listed citation shave not been provided.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Please cancel claims 1-11 and 45-63.

☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee		\$	710.00
Total effective claims	37 - 20 (at least 20) = 17	x \$ 18.00	\$ 306.00
Independent claims	4 - 3 (at least 3) = 1	x \$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper)			\$ 270.00
		SUBTOTAL	\$ 1366.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract		\$(0.00)
		SECOND SUBTOTAL	\$ 1366.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)		\$	0.00
		TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	\$ 1,366.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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